

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19931

The purpose of this bill is to modernize language within Title 39, Health and Safety, Chapter 48, Immunization, to conform to current standard medical practice. Currently, licensed healthcare professionals (i.e. nurse practitioners, physicians' assistants, registered nurses, and licensed nurses) are not authorized to sign immunization documents required for school admission; this authority is presently limited to physicians or his representative. Additionally, an immunization record, a document commonly used to demonstrate immunity, may not be accepted as proof of immunization status. Updating this language will make it easier for providers and parents to show proof of immunity for school admission, and allow for the use of electronic health records.

FISCAL NOTE

Passage of this legislation will not have an impact on the General Fund.

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